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United States Patent No. 5,485,875 to Genova
United States Patent No. 5,494,092 to Georgorpoulos
United States Patent No. 5,542,462 to Elsenheimer et al.
United States Patent No. 5,553,653 to Rozon
United States Patent No. 5,592,983 to Sartini et al.
United States Patent No. 5,722,478 to Claypool et al.
United States Patent No. 6,116,325 to Colson et al.
United States Patent No. 6,431,248 to Hyman et al.
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